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In re Application of

Matson, et al.

Application No. 09/675,020 : ON PETITION

Filed: September 28, 2000 Attorney Docket No. 2014-181

This is a decision on the petition to revive the above-identified application under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed May 24, 2004.

The petition is GRANTED.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely a proper reply to the final Office action mailed May 19, 2003. Applicant filed an amendment on August 22, 2003, made timely by including a certificate of mailing dated August 19, 2003. However, the amendment did not prima facie place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on August 20, 2003. An Advisory Action and Notice of Abandonment were mailed on May 3, 2004.

With the instant petition, petitioner paid the petition fee, filed a reply in the form of an RCE and amendment, and made the proper statement of unintentional delay.

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The application file is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 1641 for consideration of the RCE and the submission under 37 CFR 1.114, an amendment filed May 24, 2004.

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